

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Sanford Bishop expressed his gratitude to the constituents of Georgia's Second District as he was sworn in today as a member of the 109th Congress. The Oath of Office was administered by Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert during the opening ceremony held in the House chamber of the Capitol.

"It is a great honor and privilege to serve the people of Southwest Georgia, as well as a responsibility that I take very seriously," said Congressman Bishop, who begins his seventh consecutive term as a U.S. Representative.

"As we begin a new session of Congress, our Nation faces many challenges—challenges to our military to our security and to our very way of life. To meet these challenges, we must put partisanship aside and must come together to formulate real solutions for all Americans.

"In the days ahead we must focus our efforts on providing relief to the millions suffering in South Asia. We must ensure that our men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan have the equipment and support they need to get the job done and get them home safely. We must take steps to shore up social security, provide real prescription drug relief for our seniors and a quality education for all of our nation's students. These are my priorities and the values that I will continue to fight for in the 109th Congress."

In the 109th Congress, Congressman Bishop will continue to serve on the House Committee on Appropriations.